



Mrs. Lorita M. Bosworth

January 29, 1933 - October 11, 2024

Lorita “Rete” Bosworth passed away peacefully on October 11th after a brief illness.

Born a first-generation Italian, Rete grew up in the Morningside section of Pittsfield where the sights, sounds, and aromas of Italy were everywhere. She entered first grade at Crane School speaking only Italian! Rete graduated from Pittsfield High School in 1950 where she was a varsity cheerleader and earned an academic scholarship to Becker Junior College.

As she was completing her degree at Becker, she met the man who would become her husband, partner, and true love – Tom Bosworth. They married in 1954 and became the first family to live in the Lenox Community Center with Tom as the resident director. This is where they began their family and Rete’s record of community service.

Rete embraced motherhood as she raised her 3 children – Tim, Shain, and Elissa. She assisted Tom with programs at the Community Center which evolved into a hub of activities for the entire town of Lenox. Amidst the basketball games, skating parties, ski lessons, and various social events, Rete raised their children, taught CCD at St. Ann’s Church, and spent glorious, peaceful summers at Cape Cod with Tom and the kids.

In 1969, the family moved to their home outside the center of Lenox. Life was still busy, but Rete and Tom were able to pursue lifelong friendships and hobbies. They helped form a social tennis league at Eastover that provided years of enjoyment. Rete was an accomplished tennis player and skier – both

downhill and cross-country. Tom and Rete also enjoyed dancing to country music at venues around the county.

Rete worked for several local physicians once her children were in school. Eventually, she took a temporary position as the town clerk in Lenox. That temporary position became an 11-year stint as the Lenox Town Clerk – a job that suited Rete’s personality and organizational skills perfectly!

She retired from her position as Town Clerk in 1998 and focused on her expanding family and other passions such as needlepoint and gardening. Countless people were recipients of her thoughtful meals, needlepoint gifts, and ready assistance whenever it was needed. Her family grew to include 8 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren – all of whom adored their “Grammy”.

Rete was a force of nature wrought into a petite body filled with endless energy. Her small physical stature masked the persistence, strength, and determination that were not to be trifled with! Yet Rete exuded love. Her strong and unwavering love helped her support Tom as his faculties faded during his last years. They were an inseparable and beautiful couple. Her love still binds her large and extended family together. She is missed, but her presence and influence will be felt forever.

Rete was predeceased by her parents, Mansueto and Clelia Martinelli; her sister, Sandra; and her beloved husband, Tom. Those who remain include her brother, Peter Martinelli (Mary); her children, Tim (Marty), Shain, and Elissa; 8 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

There will be no calling hours, but the public is invited to a memorial Mass on Thursday, October 17 at 11:00 AM at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Lenox Dale. The public is also invited to a social hour at St. Ann’s Parish Center in Lenox after the graveside service.

In lieu of flowers, Rete’s family will appreciate donations in her name for Saint Vincent de Paul Church and the Lenox Library Association. These donations can be directed to the Roche Funeral Home, 120 Main Street, Lenox, MA 01240.

Cemetery Details

St. Ann's Cemetery

1 Ore Bed Road
Lenox, MA 01240

Previous Events

Service

OCT 17. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

St. Vincent de Paul
Crystal Street
Lenox Dale, MA 01242

Burial

OCT 17. 11:45 AM - 12:15 PM (ET)

St. Ann's Cemetery
1 Ore Bed Road
Lenox, MA 01240

Tribute Wall

GA

“ I'll never forget, Mrs. Bosworth. A few weeks ago, I saw her running around in her silver fit. She would always wave and give me her million dollar smile. She was very kind hearted and I'll miss seeing her on my walks. I give my condolences to her family. Feel free to stop and say hi, if you see me. I'll never forget Mr. And Mrs. Bosworth. They were true Lenox.

Gabby - November 29, 2024 at 02:39 PM

AM

“ What a warm sweet lady Rita was and will be remembered in thought and Prayers. Peace to all the family. Bernard and Agnes Majewski

Agnes and Bernard Majewski - October 17, 2024 at 11:55 AM

JE

“ My condolences to the family. May the fond and loving memories be a comfort and always be with you.

John A. Bernardo Esq - October 16, 2024 at 07:40 AM

KV

“ Although she never boasted to be a great chef, some of my family's favorite recipes are from Gram's kitchen: barley casserole, chocolate cake, marinated green beans. I have so many happy memories of meals shared at Grammy's and Grampy's during the holidays and special occasions. I'm forever grateful that my own children got to sit on the same living room rug I did as a child and play with the same box of ancient toys that I enjoyed.

Anyone who knew Grammy also knew she detested mice. My siblings and I as kids used to terrorize her with a little plushy mouse toy. We'd hide it on kitchen chairs and under pot lids. Grammy always had the most ENERGETIC reaction haha! She was energy personified. I was always so proud to be able to call her my grandma because of her athletic abilities even into her 90s and because of her kind heart and indomitable spirit. Every phone call we had she took as a chance to express her pride in me and my family (and to remind me of the genius of my wonderful husband haha!).

Grammy and Grampy's marriage serves as a blueprint for loyal partnership and steadfast commitment. Both my grandparents were beautiful people with colorful heritages who led purposeful, joy-filled lives. I am grateful for the many years I got to share with them.

Grammy, we spoke just a few days before you passed. You sounded sad and tired but still reminded me how proud you are of me and my family. I hope, wherever your soul rushes off to after death, you've reunited with the love of your life. Continue to smile down on all of us - we love you and miss you dearly.

Kallie Vorobets - October 16, 2024 at 02:42 AM

NM

“ My condolences to all and prayers sent.

Nora Minardi - October 15, 2024 at 05:39 PM

GY

“ In 1992, I approached Rete about letting the 5th graders at Cameron use a real voting machine to vote for president. (Clinton v. Bush). We staged a pretend registration and made it official. They all got a chance to close the curtain and pull the lever. It was a wonderful learning experience for the kids. Thanks, Rete!
Gigi Yablonsky

Gigi Yablonsky - October 15, 2024 at 04:56 PM

MJ

“ A truly remarkable lady has been sent to the heaven above! Fly high Mrs. Boz! You are a divine angel at peace and you left a huge footprint on our hearts! If we all could be 1/10th of the woman, wife, mother, aunt, Grammy et al that you were the entire world would be a better place! You will be in our hearts forever!
Shain, Tim and Elisse we are so sorry for your loss. Sending hugs and prayers

Marlene and John MacFarlane

Marlene John - October 15, 2024 at 01:13 PM

ME

“ Rete was truly one of a kind
I will miss that amazing spirit and spunk all wrapped up in her petite little body

myrna estes - October 15, 2024 at 01:05 PM

CR

“ All of our love to Tim, Shain and Elisa. Growing up in Lenox I knew your parents but really got to know them through the Cork. They were a lovely couple and very kind. Please accept our deepest condolences.

Chris and Jasmine

Chris Ryan - October 15, 2024 at 12:43 PM

JB

“ My condolences to the family. May the fond and loving memories be a comfort and always be with you.

John A. Bernardo - October 15, 2024 at 11:11 AM

WJ

“ William J. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Lorita M. Bosworth.

William J. - October 15, 2024 at 10:56 AM

LM

“ I have many wonderful memories of Lorita Bosworth, my aunt Rete and loving godmother. Her love and enthusiasm for life, her husband, Uncle Tom and family were a constant. She was a ball of energy and at age 91 invited me to join her for a pickleball clinic at Bousquet's. I did and we enjoyed playing pickleball for almost 2 months until her health made her stop. Almost everyone at Bousquets knew my aunt Rete. She had a kind word and laugh with many. With her indomitable spirit, I thought she would live forever. Aunt Rete, you are so wonderful. Thank you for being a doting, loving aunt and dear friend. You will be missed, you already are. ❤️

Laurie Martinelli - October 15, 2024 at 07:35 AM